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Applicant: IKEDA, Akio  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 5, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Please add the following new claims:

a' --Claim 5. The pneumatic tire according to claim 2, wherein the vent emboss line and vent groove are disposed in a lower sidewall region extending radially inwardly from a position radially inside the maximum tire section width point towards the bead